

**Introduced by Senator Roth**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 21467 of the Vehicle Code, relating to traffic devices.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1267, as introduced, Roth. Traffic devices: nuisance abatement costs.

Existing law provides that every prohibited sign, signal, device, or light is a public nuisance, and authorizes the Department of Transportation, members of the California Highway Patrol, and local authorities to remove them or cause them to be removed. Existing law authorizes the Director of Transportation, the Commissioner of the California Transportation Commission, or local authorities to bring an action to abate the nuisance.

This bill would make any person determined to have placed, maintained, or displayed a public nuisance liable for all costs incurred in removing and abating that nuisance and performing any related road, traffic device, or signage repair and maintenance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21467 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 21467. (a) Every prohibited sign, signal, device, or light is a
- 4 public nuisance, and the Department of Transportation, members
- 5 of the California Highway Patrol, and local authorities are hereby

1 authorized and empowered without notice to remove the same, or  
2 cause the same to be removed, or the Director of Transportation,  
3 the commissioner, or local authorities may bring an action as  
4 provided by law to abate such nuisance.

5 *(b) A person determined to have placed, maintained or displayed*  
6 *a public nuisance as described in subdivision (a) is liable for all*  
7 *costs incurred in removing and abating that nuisance and*  
8 *performing any related road, traffic device, or signage repair and*  
9 *maintenance.*